

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement in the present application. The Examiner has asserted the following groups, from which the Applicants have been asked to elect:

- Group I** Claims 1 to 15, drawn to a composition, classified in class 424, subclass 70.1+.
- Group II** Claims 16 to 30, drawn to a method of treating hair loss, classified in class 424, subclass 70.1+.
- Group III** Claim 31, drawn to a mascara composition, classified in class 424, subclass 70.7.
- Group IV** Claim 32, drawn to a method for darkening and thickening hair, classified in class 424, subclass 70.6+.

Applicants' elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims ~~1 to 15~~, without traverse. The Applicants respectfully request the cancellation of Claims ~~16 to 32~~, without prejudice, as being directed to a non-elected invention. Indeed, the Applicants reserve their rights to file one or more divisional applications to claim the subject matter of cancelled Claims 16 to 32 during the pendency of the present application.

REMARKS

The Applicants have elected to prosecute Group I on the merits in response to the Office's imposition of the above Restriction Requirement. The Applicants have directed the cancellation of Claims 16 to 32, without prejudice, as being directed to a non-elected invention. The Applicants duly thank the Examiner for reminding them of their obligation under 37 CFR § 1.48(b) to amend the inventorship of the present application, if the inventive contribution of one or more inventors is no longer being claimed following the cancellation of claims directed to non-elected inventions. The Applicants respectfully submit that the Applicants' cancellation of Claims 16 to 32 has not affected the inventorship of the present application, as the current inventors have contributed to the conception of at least one of pending Claims 1 to 15.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for examination and/or allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the response to the restriction requirement included in Paper Number 4 and allowance of Claims 1 to 15 are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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